

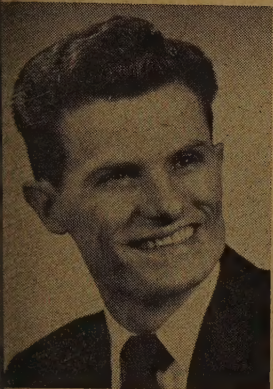
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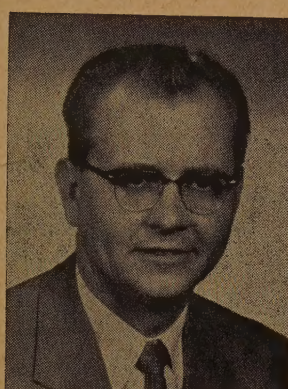
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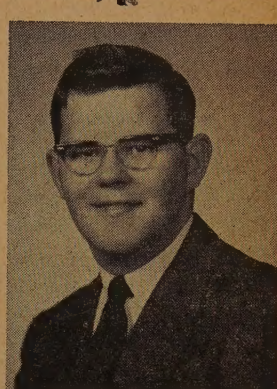
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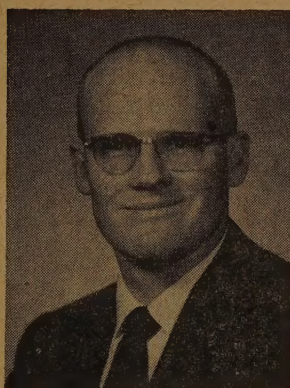
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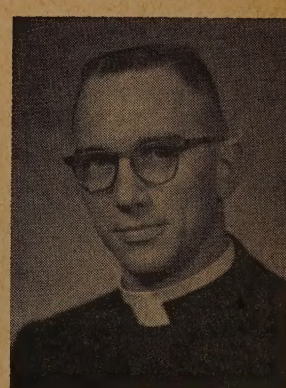
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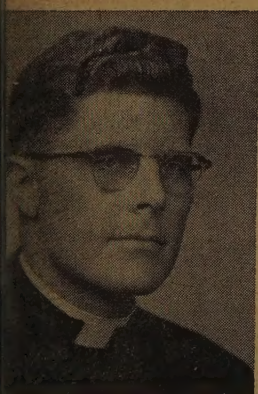
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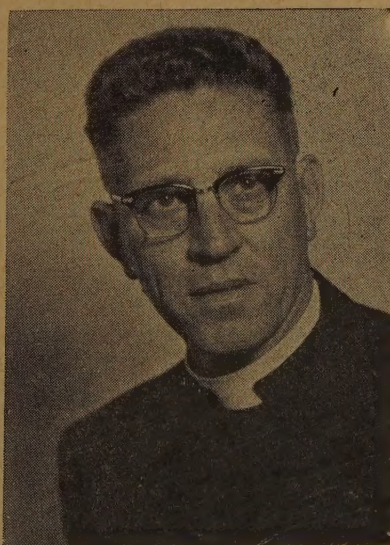
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his first ordination.



Paul Kloth

News and Notes

TRINITY SEMINARY GIVES THREE HONORARY DEGREES Four Candidates Graduated

By Theo. I. Jensen

The 1957 commencement of Trinity Seminary was held on the morning of May 29 in Loehe Chapel together with Wartburg Theological Seminary, with which Trinity has been affiliated the past school year.

Dr. F. A. Schiotz, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, delivered the commencement address. Special music was rendered by the Seminary Chorus under the direction of one of Trinity's seniors, Mr. Donald Olsen. A number of UELC people had come for the occasion. Trinity's faculty, seniors and guests enjoyed an hour of fellowship at a noon lunch following the commencement service.

Walter Kirkegaard, Lyle Kohler and Donald Olsen were awarded the Bachelor of Divinity degree and expect to be ordained at the forthcoming convention in Racine, together with Mark Thomsen of the 1956 class and other UELC candidates who are graduates of other theological seminaries.

An important part of the 1957 commencement service was the awarding of honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees to three leaders in the Lutheran Church. One of these is Professor William D. Streng of the American Lutheran Church, for the past several years a member of the faculty of Wartburg Seminary. During the past year of association with Dr. Streng we have come to love and respect him, and we deem it a privilege to bestow this honor upon him.

Another to be so honored is Pastor Conrad M. Thompson, the executive director of evangelism in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The story of his leadership in the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching evangelism program of his own church and far beyond its borders, even to Europe, is a thrilling story of one who is being used of God to awaken the church to new life in many places. Dr. Paul Nyholm made this comment regarding Dr. Thompson: "Trinity Theological Seminary is especially happy to recognize his re-

vitalizing leadership because evangelism is an important part of the particular heritage of the synod which the seminary represents."



Dr. Thompson

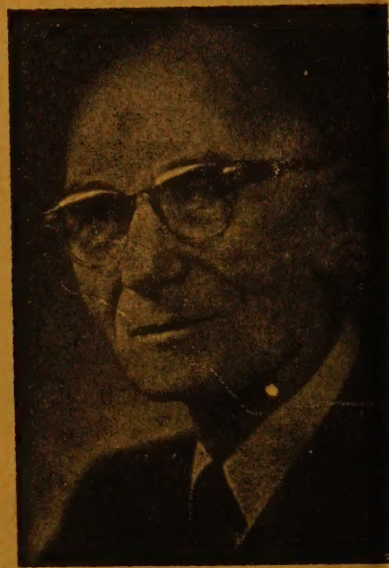
Because he is of our own, we are particularly happy to announce to our people that Trinity Seminary conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree upon Pastor K. M. Matthiesen, the director of Home Missions in the UELC. What we should like to say here about Dr. Matthiesen no one could say better than, and few so well as, his friend, the vice-president of our church, has done. We let Pastor Girtz speak:

"Karl M. Matthiesen, or K. M., as he is affectionately called by his friends, is one of God's originals. When he was made, the mould was broken and thrown away. At one time I told him that he is one of the few men in our church who looks like a prelate. His profile is famous among us.

"But K. M. should have been H. M. For while Pastor Matthiesen has been an able pastor in our church all these years and has been the Vice President for two terms, he is really the man who has awakened our church to the cause of Home Missions. With energy that seemed tireless, with a devotion that was amazing, he has championed this cause early and late, in season and out of season, as some would think. But the record speaks for him. Our home missions, started over an area that covers half of the nation, have

now become some of our leading churches.

"Pastor Matthiesen was 'born bell the border,' as some of the Danes would say, and that also marks character. The people in Slesvig received a harsh treatment, and some of the sternness of this early training has marked the man. But he, like many of his contemporaries, heard America, the land of freedom and opportunity, and it is typical for him that he went as far West as he could and he attended a school of the Old Synod in Olympia, Washington.



Dr. Matthiesen

"But under this appearance of staidness, there lies a sensitive soul with a mellow heart. We have seen him carried away by the cause that he has so ably espoused, and with that he has pleaded with his less far-sighted and enthusiastic fellows to work and give so that the people of our land might come to know the saving God of Jesus Christ. There are phrases that have been spoken by him which have become like marching orders for our church.

"And our friend K. M. has owes sides to his nature and character. I have him as a guest, to be his guest that is a rare and lovely experience. Then from the depths of his soul, his heart flow those graces that are the mark of one of God's gentlemen. Our church is so much the richer for having had K. M. as one of our pastors and leaders. We delight to honor him on this occasion."

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Editorials and Comments

THE PRE-CONVENTION REPORT

Prior to every annual synodical convention the synod issues an annual report, in which the work of the synod the past year is reviewed. It is a report of 121 double column pages. It makes interesting reading for every U.E.L.C. member.

The first to report is the president the Rev. William Larsen. He reports on the activities from his point of view. The work of the church is to glorify God. This work is done by pastors and lay people in many ways. Two pastors are mentioned for long service: The Rev. Th. Schultz, who was ordained in 1907, and who is active in the ministry till 1951. And the Rev. C. C. Both who is still in the active ministry. So far he has 59 years in the work of the U.E.L.C.

Seven churches were dedicated during the past year. We have added educational buildings to their facilities. President Larsen has a good word for the pastors:

In the short time that I have been in the office of synodical president, I have enjoyed most of all the opportunity of visiting with our pastors. Again we give glory to God. He has called faithful men who day after day continue their work that His Kingdom may grow and bear fruit. Most congregations do not know, and often members of churches do not understand how a pastor spends his time. Pastors who serve a congregation, no matter how large or how small the congregation is, can and do put in most of their waking hours in service to their people. Pastoral work in the congregation simply cannot ever be completed. The pastor's study program goes on during his entire ministry. It is most commendable when congregations show their appreciation for the work of their pastor.

What has grieved me most in the few months I have been in office is to be made aware of the small salaries of some of our pastors are receiving in some congregations. It is also a concern of our district presidents, and at a recent meeting with the district presidents they expressed their willingness to take this matter to the congregations. In some congregations there ought to be consideration of obtaining additional staff or assistance in order that the ministry in the community might be more effective. We are living in times when great demands are placed upon our pastors. Let me urge congregations to hold up the hands of the pastor and intercede before God in prayer in his behalf.

In discussing Dana College and Trinity Seminary, President Larsen feels that we made the right move when we decided to have Trinity Seminary on the Wartburg campus at Dubuque, Iowa. He has a good word for the college. He hopes that the future will see a constant growth in the work and in the number of students. He feels that it calls for considerable expansion.

The Forward With Christ Appeal has brought a sum of \$208,197.01 so far.

A total of \$63,632.82 has been received during the past year in the form of bequests and special gifts. This shows a fine Christian spirit and a good sense of stewardship.

President Larsen also has some remarks about the Pension Fund, Parish Education, the Eleemosynary Institutions, the Men, the Women and the Youth.

He briefly reviews our cooperative work with the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches and the National Lutheran Council.

He has a progress report on the U.E.L.C. and the members.

The Rev. K. M. Matthiesen reports on the home mission activities. He states that we have loans invested in

25 congregations to the amount of \$538,148.00. He hopes that we shall soon get one fifth of the invested capital back every year with which to start new work. The Home Mission department is asking for \$73,383.00 for the coming year. It goes without saying that the sooner the home mission congregation can re-finance their loans the more work we can start.

This year \$24,260.00 has been returned. This is about 4.5 per cent of the principal. This should certainly be increased.

The district presidents also have a report from their respective districts. They have turned over the home mission work of the districts to the Synodical Home Mission. Thus their district budgets should go down. The Wisconsin District has recognized that because it has a budget for itself of only 1,9000.00.

In reading the district reports we note that each district has its own problems and its own special services.

The West Canada district reports an influx of Danish immigration. This makes the problem of integrating these new citizens into Canadian church life difficult. It must be done and yet the English program of the congregations must not be retarded.

The Children's Home at Oaks, Okla., had 63 children as an average the past year. This home is filled to capacity. The Elim Home in Elk Horn, Iowa, has only eight children at present.

The synod has seven homes for the aged. These homes do not require special subsidy from synod. They are privately incorporated, and they are supported by the guests and the people within the neighborhood of the homes.

The synod has foreign mission work in four countries: In Colombia, South America, in Japan, in Santalistan, India, and in Sudan Africa. We cooperate with other churches in each field. This means that our work is not independent missions. The gifts to foreign missions the past year were \$59,236.29.

Lutheran Publishing House is reported by N. O. Berthelsen. The financial statement will appear in the Year Book. The Danish paper, Luthersk Ugeblad has 1,025 subscribers. This is a loss of 150 for the year. The Ansgar Lutheran has gained a little, but only 96. It now has 11,476 subscribers. 110 congregations use the church paper plan, where every family gets a paper. This is of course the best plan, but if some large congregation all of a sudden decide to discontinue the plan, then it hits our subscription list very hard. And this has happened.

We think the church paper plan in every home is very much needed in the present day church life, when there is so much change in the membership. People come and go. How can they get any interest in the synod and the church at large if they do not have The Ansgar Lutheran.

As soon as a new family joins the church let them have The Ansgar Lutheran. The pastor and the members of the congregation may not see them right away. The fact they get the church paper makes them feel as if they belong.

Church News from here and there

RATE OF INTERFAITH MARRIAGES SOARING THROUGHOUT AMERICA Paralleled By Sharp Rise In Divorce Rate

The increased number of interfaith marriages in America has been paralleled by a sharp rise in the divorce rate, according to new evidence, compiled by two University of Pennsylvania sociologists, published in McCall's magazine.

The survey, made by Drs. James Bossard and Eleanor Stoker Boll, revealed these major marriage trends in the United States:

One half of all U. S. church members marry out of their faith.

Half of all mixed marriages in the U. S. involve Catholics.

The divorce rate among interfaith couples is more than twice as high as the rate among those who marry within their faith.

When both partners are of the same faith, the average divorce rate is 6.6 per cent; when the two are of different faiths, the rate jumps to 15.2 per cent.

The interfaith marriage study, published in McCall's under the title "Do Interfaith Marriages Work?" examined the problems involved in so-called "mixed" marriages and their chances of success.

The study showed that 3 out of 10 marriages performed by the Roman Catholic Church are interfaith. Another 15 to 25 per cent of marriages involving Catholics are without official Catholic permission.

Protestant interfaith marriages are also increasing. A study of the Lutheran Church by Dr. Bossard showed that 58 per cent of the members are marrying outside their own church.

"Though figures on Jewish intermarriages are the hardest to come by, sociologists estimate that the rate is increasing," said McCall's.

The magazine noted that after the honeymoon, the interfaith couple often discovers that great compromises must be made in the matter of

children, diet, finances, holidays, and the relations of church to home life. These compromises often lead to tensions within the marriage.

The religious training of children usually provides the greatest source of friction. The real test of an interfaith marriage is usually how parents meet this problem. Some parents try to divide their children's religious education by saying such things as: "You take the boys and I'll take the girls."

Dr. Bossard found that, "A choice by sex or by number is dangerously divisive. It separates male and female, older and younger into two camps. It often results in sex hostility as well as religious hostility."

Interfaith marriages can and do succeed, but couples have to work harder at them, said McCall's. According to the McCall's study, mixed marriages may be successful when one of the partners wholeheartedly accepts the religious culture of the other.

Interfaith marriages can also be happy when enlightened, tolerant partners rationally agree that each will follow his or her own religion without interference, and stick by this decision.

URGES PSYCHIATRISTS ATTEND PRAYER MEETINGS

More ministers at psychiatric staff meetings and more psychiatrists at prayer meetings were urged at Boston by a Massachusetts state hospital chaplain.

"An unmet need between the two disciplines, psychiatry and religion, is for adequate opportunity to communicate personally," said the Rev. Henry H. Wiesbauer, Hopkinton, Mass., Protestant chaplain of the Westboro State hospital.

The Episcopal clergyman spoke to the Unitarian Alumni Association of the Tufts University Crane School of Religion.

"While many theological seminaries now offer courses of orientation to and pastoral clinical training in

psychiatric understanding," he said, "medical and psychiatric facilities appear to be lacking any significant professional orientation to therapeutic knowledge."

Mr. Wiesbauer said clergymen are becoming more active in mental hospitals and important members of the therapeutic team.

He suggested that ministers and laymen visit mental patients, bring remembrances on holidays and anniversaries and assist in rehabilitation once the patient returns home.

FIRST CHURCH BUILDING LUTHERANS IN MEXICO

The German and Scandinavian Lutheran congregations of Mexico City, Mexico, will soon be meeting in their own church for the first time in their history.

A cornerstone laying ceremony for church and parish house, totaling \$900,000, was scheduled for May 15. \$75,000 was scheduled for May 15. Members of the congregations, of which will use the new building, have already raised two-thirds of the amount, according to reports. They had previously been meeting in Anglican and Methodist churches in the city.

To be located in the south central part of Mexico City the new church will be constructed of brick and plaster in "modified Spanish style." The parish house, which will be used for Sunday school and education classes, will be of similar design.

Dr. Reinhard Mueller, former pastor of Kurhessen, Germany, pastor of the German church and the Rev. Ing Olsson, formerly of Stockholm, Sweden, pastor of the Scandinavian congregation, will officiate at the ceremony.

The German church serves a constituency of some 5,000 German-speaking Lutherans in the city. Dr. Mueller was installed as pastor in February succeeding late Rev. Friedrich D. Frahm, who held the post for 25 years. The Scandinavian church parish includes about 600 persons.

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The Washington Observer

OUR NEIGHBORS HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS TOO

The Right Reverend Angus Dun, Episcopal Bishop of Washington, has problems along with other church leaders in this great city. Last week work was suspended at the Washington Cathedral which magnificent structure, since 1948, has been under construction with interruption. The trouble? Lack of funds. Dean Sayre, speaking for the Bishop and the cause, reports the need of quite a few millions to complete the job. He says it will require from \$250,000 to \$500,000 annually simply to keep work moving. But sad to report, not only the desired millions, but even these lesser funds, are not available.

Other local problems serve to make this building problem more acute than otherwise it would be. Such problems bother in a special way—"church extension and changing status of Negro fellow citizens." This is the Bishop's way of explaining some drastic changes taking place. In-town parishes are facing "deterioration and difficult adaptations," due, no doubt, to heavy influx of colored into city. While in-town parishes deteriorate," the suburban areas need new churches to care for white members moving out of Washington as the colored come in. Less income at the older established churches means more expenses incurred for new—it all adds up to a tight financial squeeze.

The Bishop is to be commended for his courage in facing his problems realistically and for his fine appeal to all the faithful in this Washington Diocese to lend a hand in solving these problems. The depressing situation is being watched with interest by many among us. Success attained by the Bishop's effort will certainly become a guidance and encouragement for other church leaders concerned

By Gerhard Lenski

about similar problems here and elsewhere.

BILLIONS FOR FOREIGN AID?

Another Senator to whom thanks are due is Senator Malone of Nevada. No matter what one's political preferences or prejudices may be, no matter what importance one may attach to the problem of foreign aid, the material the Senator has assembled on this problem and given in speeches now recorded in the **Congressional Record** becomes of interest and value and should not be overlooked by thoughtful citizens desiring guidance and understanding in the matter. The Senator makes out a strong case. He has traveled widely, especially in those lands where our billions have been spent and where more are asked. He has reviewed programs, policies, records and results. He finds great fault with present procedures and he believes we need to do a lot of investigating, curtailing and revamping. You may agree or disagree, but whatever you do, as an intelligent person paying taxes, you should know. In challenging us to face facts realistically and intelligently as now the budget is in the making, Senator Malone has served his country well.

One of our Lutheran men, a leader in Brotherhood work, feels that the cause of Brotherhood throughout our churches is weak and halting because it lacks a definite purpose to serve. This brother feels that problems of national and international welfare are problems for our men to tackle and that our various synodical bodies should work out a program dealing with such matters from which our men might gather information and inspiration to help them become more useful citizens. The suggestion of our brother is an excellent one. Our leaders should not overlook it or reply that they already have too many irons in the fire. Very much in the same degree that the

Christian has a duty to serve in the church, he also has a duty to serve as a citizen in the state. Nor will he be blameless if he honors the one but leaves the other undone. After all, if "American tax dollars have provided dress suits for Grecian undertakers, public baths for Egyptian camel-drivers, iceboxes for Eskimos and Iranian roads that lead nowhere," why shouldn't even a busy Lutheran be concerned?

THE NEXT STEP IN INTEGRATION

Integration troubles continue in the nation's capital. The situation shows little real improvement. Yes, the ruling of the Supreme Court holds good and is being carried out. Whites and colored mingle more freely than before, at least, in many public places. There is really less of crime, disorder and tension this year than last. This is the judgment of the FBI and of the police department. While this is true, it is also to be noted that many whites, especially families with school-age children, whenever possible are now moving out of colored city-areas into white suburban sections. In short, integration, outwardly accepted, is being by-passed, circumvented or disregarded.

In near-by Arlington and Alexandria, Virginia another situation prevails. There integration is being sternly resisted. What will happen this fall when the public schools open is any man's guess. At this writing the threat is being openly made that the public schools will be closed if any effort to integrate is made. This promises to create a most unhappy state of affairs. Before it comes to pass calm minds should do some very serious thinking and Christian leaders should act. Wherever the right or the wrong lies, violence is certainly not the answer.

But, if Christians should act, what should they do?

One thing, too long delayed, is to be recommended—less effort to enforce integration with more effort to help the colored man and to fit

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Our Foreign Mission Fields

Edited by Rev. K. R. Jensen

Viborg, South Dakota

COLOMBIA STUDENT TO MEXICO CITY TO STUDY THEOLOGY

By Arnfeld C. Morck



A Farewell Party. Mrs. Montoya
left, Mr. Montoya and friends

Juan Nelson Montoya's going to study at the new seminary ("Seminario Augsburg") of the American Lutheran Church in Mexico City is another step forward in the development of an indigenous Lutheran ministry in Colombia. Two men from our Colombia field are studying at the LWF Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Three men have been trained at Concordia Seminary (Mo. Synod) in Argentina and one at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Our shift to the newly organized Seminary in Mexico is thought advantageous in view of the pending merger and the greater similarity of the Colombian environment to the Mexican. All of the present student body are Latins, whereas at the Buenos Aires Seminary the only Latins are our two Colombian students. Buenos Aires has no Latins on the teaching staff while Mexico has three part-time Mexican professors.

Our readers will be interested in Mr. Montoya's remarks in this issue, which he was requested to write in English. Mr. and Mrs. Montoya started our Lutheran work in the city of Sogamoso two years ago. Their main assignment was the boarding school operated primarily for the benefit of Lutheran and non-Roman Catholic children from the Plains area, which is Roman Catholic "mission territory" and where Protestant schools are outlawed. However, the Montoyas have also carried on an active program of evangelism. Through contacts made in the city there is now a nucleus of 15 communing members and an average attendance at Sunday services of about twice that number.

When the Montoyas were about to leave for Mexico, appreciative friends, whom they had served with the Gospel, crowded into the little provisional chapel for a farewell service. The congregation presented them with a beautiful leather suit case (see picture). These friends will follow them in prayer during the years of study at the Seminary.

The building project in Sogamoso progresses normally. As these lines are being written, the steel, plumbing and forms are almost ready for pouring the concrete of the 2nd-floor slab. The brick wall surrounding the property is completed. It is hoped that the whole project of this first unit will be finished about in September. This, thanks to the Women's Missionary Federation of the ELC, will provide

us for a number of years with adequate space for classrooms, dormitories, chapel and living quarters for director and his family.

—Arnfeld C. Morck

ON ARRIVING AT THE SEMINARY

By Juan N. Montoya

Every time I consider that God has called me for work, I have to pray: "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23, 24. This is my prayer just now.

My coming for study in the Seminario Lutheran Augsburg de Mexico is a privilege that comes from God to me without my reaching after it. Like that are God's desires for those who know that they are unworthy in themselves. He makes possible the impossible and disposes what is just necessary for the life of his children. The only reason for me to be here is God's will. He wants me working in His harvest.

I see the opportunity of learning how to give the Word of God to those who do not know the gift of Calvary and a tremendous responsibility before God.

The Seminary has been organized as a part of the Evangelical Lutheran work in Mexico and for that reason I am sure that God is working here through those who are in leadership of this institution. May God give the advancement of His work here in all manners.

We, my wife, my daughter and I, have found Christian friendship both in the Seminary and in church. And we hope to find not only friendship but food for our spiritual life. We thank God for his blessings.

—Juan N. Montoya

OUR FIELD AND OUR TASK IN THE SANTAL MISSION

The Lord hears the cry of a people. For years the Santals, a depressed tribe in northeast India, had longed for light and salvation from intolerable oppressions. Little did they realize that their help was to come from the Lord through a message, the glorious message of the Gospel.

In His own way and time, the Lord had prepared a young couple, the Borresens and the Skrefsruds, for this work; and in the fall of 1867 on bended knees they dedicated themselves to the task. Since then a large number of young men and women from Norway, Denmark and America have followed in their footsteps. There has been an unbroken chain of workers and supporters to this very day.

And the work has borne fruit. Not only the Santals have come to see the light and have entered into the fellowship of believers; but thousands of Boros, Bengals and others have joined them.

Today we have—

1. Close to 100 missionaries on the field assisted by hundreds of native pastors, evangelists, teachers and Bible workers.
2. A church numbering over 32,000 souls in more than 100 villages, witnessing to the glory of God.
3. Thousands of children and young people in our Christian primary and secondary schools.
4. A well-developed medical work, centering around 3 hospitals with 5 missionary doctors and about 30 registered nurses who last year cared for 3,832 inpatients and outpatients; and 11 dispensaries where 72,333 were treated.
5. Two large leper colonies with close to 600 registered patients.

All of it to serve God and man in His name.

THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

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"AND THE WOMEN ALSO"

By Althea M. Christenson of the A.L.C.

Wise-hearted women of old used their talents in spinning to help beautify the tabernacle which the Lord commanded Moses to build and joined with the men in bringing a willing offering unto the Lord." That same willingness to serve the Lord, Luke mentioned briefly at the time of the burial of Christ and when the followers were awaiting the promise of the Holy Spirit. Since then history has revealed a ever-growing number of women serving quietly the cause of Christ.

One year after the organization of the American Lutheran Church in 1930, women delegates and visitors from various representative areas of the church met in Toledo, Ohio, to form the Women's Missionary Federation. The Federation's goal was to help carry on the missionary enterprises of the church. Through the years the vision and determination of that early band of leaders have led into an expanded area of activities as the challenges became evident.

GOALS

Today the Federation, an Auxiliary of the ALC, has six objects or goals in its Constitution:

1. To merge the women of the American Lutheran Church into one body of thinking, praying, giving missionaries.

Under the Women of the Church Plan, which the WMF sponsors, more and more women serve the Lord. This goal is to develop in all women a personal fellowship with Christ, a "oneness" in thinking and praying, which leads to their giving time, talents, and treasures to help others find their Savior.

2. To publish and circulate missionary literature.

The WMF prepares annually suggested program material centered around a theme, which for 1957 is STEWARDSHIP SELF. The official monthly publication, the **Women's Missionary Outlook**, provides additional program aids and includes articles concerning the church's foreign and home mission activities of special interest to the women and children.

3. To enlist our women as readers of missionary literature.

Good stewardship in reading means wise selecting of

The leaders of the Women of the Church of the three merging bodies have written about the aims and goals of their work in the respective churches. We bring today the first article of a series of three.

books that aid in spiritual growth. The Bible heads this list, along with the church publications. General books which carry a Christian message are indicated annually on a recommended reading list. Since the Federation is a member of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the Federation Literature Committee recommends certain **mission books** for special study, which the Friendship Press publishes for the Commission on mission study themes.

4. To enlist and train our young women for missionary service and leadership.

The demand of the church is constantly increasing for willing and consecrated women to assist in its expanding program. Hence, the WMF emphasizes certain types of vocational training to aid the young women in choosing and preparing for definite Christian vocations. The Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse in Milwaukee has provided opportunities for training young women for many types of church service.

5. To teach our boys and girls their missionary responsibility, and train them to carry it.

Since our youth are the leaders of tomorrow, the WMF provides them with additional Christian training to help them develop into good Christian citizens and to catch a vision and understanding of the mission of the church to lead others to Christ. Junior program material is prepared every year to guide in this training.

6. To aid the American Lutheran Church in its missionary undertakings, working with the synodical boards; to aid the local congregation in its missionary undertakings, working with the pastor.

This last goal summarizes WMF endeavors to use the talents of its members in advancing the church's work through its various general departments, first through activity in the local congregation and then on beyond the community wherever possible.

Wise-hearted as of old, the WMF'ers of today bring a "willing offering unto the Lord" as they gladly serve in many capacities in the Federation program, always to the glory of the Triune God of all ages.

THE MIRACLES GOD CAN DO

By Helen Welshimer

throw all the sunset colors—
ever and crimson and flame—
the sky each evening, yet never
make them the same.

lip back to the gates of dawning,
guide the sun as it goes,

To sweeten the crystal snowflakes,
and brighten the cheeks of a rose.

To bring out the stars with darkness
and make a path for the moon;
Give scent to the flower blossoms,
wind-songs, a wandering tune.

All of the things that man controls,
the visions that he makes true,
Never were half so wonderful as the
miracles God can do.

—Girlhood Days

A Home Mission Thrill

Cedar Falls, Iowa, gives \$5,000
to help start Home Mission Church

By Pastor Homer Larsen

It is interesting to watch a crowd that is thrilled. It's almost as much fun to watch a group of people at a football game who are thrilled when the fullback carries the ball across the goal line as it is to watch the player make the touchdown.

It has been a lot of fun to watch the members of our church get a thrill out of helping to get the East Whittier Mission started by paying Pastor Verner Carlsen's salary.

Our congregation experienced a real blessing through the Forward with Christ appeal. As a result, the congregation voted at its annual meeting in 1956 to place an item of \$5,000 on the budget to be called a "special mission project." It was decided that this money was to be spent in the work of Home Missions. Within a few days the Home Mission Department was notified that this money was available and we would be ready to assist with a pastor's salary when they started the next new mission.

East Whittier was the next mission to be started by our synod, and we at Nazareth Church in Cedar Falls have had the privilege of paying Pastor Carlsen's salary.

It has been a thrill for us here in Iowa to receive letters from the brethren in East Whittier telling of the progress of the Gospel in their midst. Here was something tangible that our people could watch grow and receive this great thrill to know that God was giving us a real opportunity to help bring the Gospel to this new community.

While we were thrilled with the letters we received from the East Whittier congregation and pastor, a few of our members received an even greater thrill. Several of the people from the congregation were in the Los Angeles area during the winter on business or enjoying a winter vacation. Several of them visited the mission and returned to tell of the tremendous field there, how cordially they were received and what an opportunity our church had. One family who have belonged to our congregation for less than two years traveled 50 miles through heavy traffic to get to the mission. Another man told me, "If you don't believe in home missions, take a trip to East Whittier. It was one of the finest experiences I have ever had to attend a morning worship at the church." A business executive from our congregation who was in Los Angeles returned to Cedar Falls after his trip and reported that he had called the pastor and visited with him about the work in East Whittier and was very disappointed that his plane schedule did not permit him to go to the site of the new mission.



Nazareth Lutheran Church

A contractor from Nazareth Church spent a few weeks in the East Whittier area during the winter. Early on Sunday morning he and his family drove to the mission for the service. Upon arriving at the mission they learned that it was the day that they were breaking ground for their new chapel. The contractor from Cedar Falls was asked to break ground. Imagine the thrill! The gentleman from the mission west did not wait until he returned to tell us of his experience but dropped us a card telling of his joy in having a part in this service.

During the first part of March, a banker and his wife were visiting relatives in California. They received word that the next Sunday the East Whittier congregation was organizing. These members of our Church asked their relatives to take them to the mission. This meant many miles of travel through heavy traffic. It was the thrilling experience of this couple to bring greetings to the St. Andrew's congregation from the friends in Cedar Falls on the Sunday they organized.

Our people have received far more than they have given to the work of Home Missions. Their souls are thrilled with the work that is being done in this new mission and many others scattered throughout our land. Many people understand more clearly what Jesus meant when He said, "Ye therefore and make disciples . . ."

What will the congregation do in the future for home missions? This has not been decided. At the present time we are awaiting the counsel of the Home Mission Department as to what the needs will be at East Whittier in 1957. Perhaps our congregation will choose to move on to some other important work of the church for their next special mission.

We know of no better way to educate the people in the work of the church than to have them invest a little money directly, over and above the general quotas for the specific projects. How true the words of Jesus are, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

CHURCH WORKERS INSTITUTES

By Soren S. Kaldahl

These institutes of 1957 are being conducted chiefly in conjunction with the American Lutheran Church, and in some cases also with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The institute in which our synod has entered into full cooperation and leadership so far is the one which will be conducted at Dana College, July 7-12. We are happy that this has been made possible as this is the institute which is in reach of most of our Sunday school teachers in the districts of Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota. Our teachers in other districts are urged to attend the institutes in those areas this summer, such as - Illinois, July 1-5, Wisconsin, July 14-19, Northwestern (Oregon), July 21-26, Montana, July 20-26, California, July 28-Aug. 2, and Minnesota, July 28-Aug. 2. Reports have come to our board that there were teachers in the West Canada District, who attended in the institutes there in the month of April.

INSTITUTES IN A GROWING CHURCH. Such institutes are designed to provide a growing church with growing teachers and workers. Prospective or beginning and experienced teachers will find courses offered which will challenge them and help them in the Sunday school teaching service of their church.

The purpose of the above listed institutes is also to bring and train teachers, who may return to local areas such as zones and circuits to teach the same courses to such teachers who could not attend the district institutes. It is hoped that zones or circuits will make it possible to send such teachers, and later use them this fall or winter to teach fellow teachers at such zone or circuit meetings or institutes.

The following courses will be offered generally at the district institutes this summer:

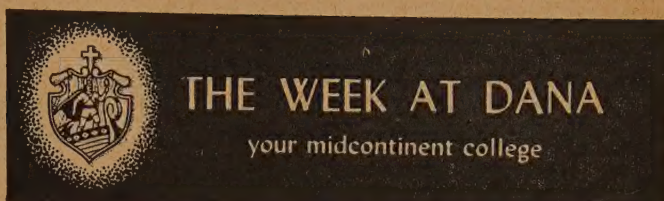
BIBLE COURSES. There will be a general course entitled, "Introduction to the Bible," and also courses in Exodus, Leviticus, and Romans. All Bible courses are first series courses such as will use them for credit toward a teacher's certificate.

SESSION PLANNING. These will be departmental courses - Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior-Adult. In these courses session plans will be developed under the guidance of the instructor with a class demonstration as an integral part of it. (Second Series Course).

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION. This is the first time such a course is offered at a district institute. It is designed to be true to the most valid findings in this field, and to keep in mind the purpose to help the teacher in the church school. (Second Series Course).

BIBLE STORYTIME. Since the ALC board, in which the Dana College board and our board also cooperated, has just completed a new Bible Storytime series for the nursery department, there will be a course offered in connection with this series for teachers, who will be teaching this series this fall, and a course for the teachers who will be teaching the parent classes for parents of children attending the nursery classes in this new series. (A second series course)

PARISH WORKERS CONFERENCE In conjunction with the Church Workers' Institute at Dana College, July 7-12, there will be a conference for Parish Workers. The program for this is being arranged and sponsored by the Parish Workers organization of the American Lutheran Church. Parish workers of our synod have been invited to share in this conference. It is hoped our parish workers will have a share in this conference. The parish workers will be with the teachers in the Bible studies and the evening devotional services.



HOMECOMING PLANS NEAR COMPLETION

Before committee members left for their homes on both coasts, plans for the 1957 Homecoming were nearing completion. The dates for this year's celebration are October 25-27.

"Rise Up and Sing Our Song" is the theme for the weekend. All former students are invited to come home and share in the spirit of anticipation and hope that is part of life at Dana, 1957. With continued loyal support of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church and with constantly increasing interest on the part of the other synods in the merger, there is good reason to believe that the generation-old dream of a greater Dana may see fulfillment within the next few years. The million-dollar expansion program has already been approved by both the college Board of Trustees and the synodical Church Council; there remains final convention approval this month. Already there are evidences of "another throng" that will "rise up and sing our song."

Announcement of the banquet speaker, toastmaster and guest speaker for the Sunday morning services will be made as soon as the invitations have been accepted.

The committee urges all alumni to make early plans to attend Homecoming. Requests for housing should be addressed to Miss Mary Ann Effken, Dana College.

Larry Jorgensen, Omaha, is chairman of the committee. Other members are Marvyn Olson, Bradgate, Ia.; Joan Coffey, Blair; Ernest Anderson, Humboldt, Ia.; Bob Ostergaard, Coulter, Ia.; Patricia Andersen, Ferndale, Calif.; and Peter Smith, Portland, Me. Professor C. Arthur Christiansen is faculty adviser.

RENOVATION IN FULL SWING

Scarcely had classrooms been emptied following the last examination of the school year before campus maintenance men, augmented by student workers, began the work of renovation in Old Main. Those who have seen the transformation of the Canteen into an attractive Student Center know the possibilities of the structure. Contractor Simon Korshoj and his crew will be back on campus to remodel the other floors in the south wing and central section of the historic old building.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

Maya Winther's House Burns

Saga, Japan

Early Spring 1957

Dear Friends:

Just as I was about ready to write this letter, I met with the misfortune of a fire! (Jan. 23rd.) Some of you have already heard about it, I know, as I have had kind letters expressing sympathy, and so full of encouragement. It was indeed fortunate that the fire occurred early in the evening and that, before we had closed up the house to go to prayer-meeting. We found it shortly after it had started, but on account of its being in a dry spell, the flames just took over before the fire-engine could start working, though they did come within ten minutes of our call. Unfortunately the Saga Water Works is not too adequate, and therefore, we had to wait until the pressure was raised. By that time the whole attic was burning. The smoke was so dense that nothing could be taken out of the house. All were sure that everything would be burned. So you can imagine our surprise after the fire was put out to find that not one piece of clothing, nor a piece of furniture was burned! However, practically everything was soaked. The firemen had been most generous with the water!

In many ways this fire has been a wonderful experience for me. I have experienced the truth of the words, "... in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." I have experienced God's nearness in a most wonderful way. And then I never knew that I had so many friends! As I stood watching the fire a young man wanted me to wear his coat as I was not dressed for out-of-doors. I did not know him and would not have known where to return it, so had to be quite firm in refusing his kindness. Soon after a neighborhood doctor, a member of the Baptist Church, came with his new overcoat. Though I said that I was all right, he insisted, putting the coat over my shoulders. Beginning that night, friends even from out of town came to help if possible, and for days after they continued coming, some with gifts of fruit, cakes, sugar, eggs, and even money. I had 250 "Thank you" cards printed, and later 150 more, and still that was not enough!

The day after the fire, while I went the rounds to thank the neighborhood and to ask forgiveness for causing so much alarm, 30 young people and women from Saga, Ogi and Ushizu churches cleaned out the house putting everything in the garage. All my trunks had been taken to the church in the next street during the night. After that, groups came to help with washing. Every piece in my trunks and dresser drawers had to be washed. I still hardly know where most of my things are.

The morning after the fire Miss Helene Harder from Fukuoka came with a coat and two suitcases full of clothes for me. She had been told that everything was burned. I was indeed glad to have her things until they dried. Strangely enough my best suit and my half-coat were dry while other things in the same closet were wringing wet.

Because of the fire I missed going to Nara for our Missionary Annual Convention. I had had my suitcase packed and my ticket bought, but now it was impossible to get away. Miss Harder just made her connection here giving me half of her day. They must have had some very fine meetings according to the reports I have heard.

Right now I am living in a large room in my Japanese neighbor's house. I have gone quite Japanese as I have stored all the furniture in the garage until it can be fixed up again ready for use in the rebuilt house. There is a big Chinese rug on this floor so it is nice and warm to sit on. For heating, I have a china "bowl" the size of a small bushel-basket, half full of ashes, on top of which are some glowing pieces of charcoal. Fortunately winter is almost over.

The fire has practically filled this letter, but I must add one piece of news about the work you have been supporting so long with your prayers and gifts. It would have thrilled you too, as it did me, to be present at the North Kyushu Luther League Convention, held on the weekend of February 19-20. There were about 30 present most of the time and never less than 30. During their discussion period the main subject was how to prove the local League. They spoke of stewardship, evangelism, and making their churches self-supporting. One young girl hit the nail on the head, so to speak, with her contribution. Very briefly stated, she said that

self-support would not be difficult if the faith of the individual was deeply rooted in Jesus Christ. How serious they were when speaking of winning others for Christ. Oh, if these young people, representing our churches here, may grow in their faith and be kept loyal to the church, they will contribute much to the future of the Japan Lutheran Church, I am sure. Please do join me in praying for them.

Our heavenly Father has indeed been good to me during my illness last fall and now during these weeks after the fire. I have experienced the everlasting arms underneath me, holding me up and helping me along. I know this too is in answer to your prayers. Thank you for all that you have done in the past to help me in this work. It is indeed a privilege to be your representative, bringing the Gospel to these people. May our Father richly bless each of you in His own wonderful way.

Maya Winther

Most sincerely,

Early Summer Leadership Schools of ALC, ELC

By now our promotion of the Fresno Convention is almost over. If you have not made your reservations and plans, unless you live in the Fresno vicinity, your chances of attending are almost nil. But if plugging Fresno is past, there are now other things to command our immediate attention; namely Bible Camps and Leadership Training Schools.

Your Bible Camp is being publicized within your district. If you have not heard about its details, make a flying visit to your pastor or Luther League counsellor. If they don't have the "info," have them write to your district officers right away.

Leaguers from our synod are invited to and urged to attend one of the Leadership Training Schools conducted by the ALC and ELC, the two synods with which we are soon to unite. Below is the list of schools being held early in the summer. Later schools will appear in a future issue. Write to the registrar for further information.

California: June 17-22; California Baptist Seminary, West Covina, Calif.; Registrar: Rev. Zigmond George R.R. 3, Box 20, Tucson, Ariz.; (ALC).

Illinois: June 25-30; St. John's Lutheran Church, Flanagan, Ill.; Registrar: Rev. Don R. Bachman, 1120 N. Whittier Place, Indianapolis 19, Ind.; (ALC).

Minnesota: June 16-21; Luther Memorial Camp, Onamia, Minn.; Registrar: Rev. Paul F. Metzger, 532 S. Snelling Ave., St. Paul 16, Minn.; (ALC).

Minnesota: June 23-29; St. Olaf College, Northfield; Registrar: Rev. Jack Olson, Larsen, Wis.; (ELC).

Iowa: June 30-July 6; Luther College, Decorah; Registrar: Rev. Norval R. Wigtil, 957 Bluff St., Beloit, Wis.; (ELC).

Washington: July 1-6; Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland; Registrar: Rev. Robert Rieke, 210 SW 142nd St., Seattle 66, Wash.; (ALC).

North Dakota: July 1-6; Jamestown College, Jamestown; Registrar: Rev. Roland C. Jakober, New Leipzig, N. D.; (ALC).

Iowa: July 2-7; Bible Conference Grounds, Cedar Falls; Registrar: Miss Gail Fluhrer, 809½ Iowa St., Cedar Falls, Iowa.; (ALC).

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BY THE FIRESIDE

THE TUNNEL—A WAY

"The Tunnel is never on a siding: it is planned to lead somewhere."

—Dr. Northcote Deck

Often darkness fills the pathway of the pilgrim's onward track,
And we shrink from going forward—trembling, feel like going back:
But the Lord, who plans so wisely, leads us on both day and night,
Till at last, in silent wonder, we rejoice in Wisdom's light.

Though the tunnel may be tedious through the narrow, darkened way,
Yet it amply serves its purpose—soon it brings the light of day;
And the way so greatly dreaded, as we take a backward glance,
Shows the skill of careful planning: never the result of chance!

Is your present path a tunnel, does the darkness bring you fear?
To the upright, oh, remember, He doth cause a light to cheer.*
Press on bravely, resting calmly, though a way you dimly see,
Till, at length, so safely guided, you emerge triumphantly.

Trust the Engineer Eternal, surely all His works are right,
Though we cannot always trace them, faith will turn at last to sight:
Then no more the deepening shadows of the dark and dismal way,
There for ever in clear sunlight, we'll enjoy "the perfect day."

*Psalm 112:4

—N. L. Gooden

Americans and Speed

On this interesting subject, the following is adapted from a newspaper editorial:

A National Guard pilot ate breakfast in Los Angeles, took off in a Sabrejet, ate lunch in New York and returned to Los Angeles in time for supper.

We think that was quite a stunt. However, it is in a long tradition of events that have helped shape the American spirit and way of life. . . .

The Yankee shipbuilders turned out the famous clippers—streamlined vessels designed to carry the absolute maximum of sail. The Yankee skippers raced to Europe and around the Horn to Asia. Many of them were so desperate for speed that they crowded on sail beyond the safety point. Several times a day in rough weather the boatswains would shout, "All hands save ship." And the off-watch seamen would turn out, race up the rigging and strike sail in the nick of time.

And the Pony Express—ah, those were the lads for speed . . . Every minute counted. Each Pony Express run aimed at setting a new record.

The river pilots raced down the Mississippi, heating their boilers almost to the bursting point in an effort to beat time.

The Indianapolis Speedway makes the news each Memorial Day with speed demons vying with each other at

approximately 130 miles per hour in a 500 mile race.

In the one place where speed should be manifested, Americans fail. Speak to the average American about his eternal welfare and the answer will be: "No hurry—there's plenty of time!" When the Lord was asked, "Are there few that be saved?" He answered, "Strain every nerve to force your way through the narrow gate, for multitudes, I tell you will endeavor to find a way in and will not succeed."

—Gospel Herald

A woman near Hamilton, Ontario, uses her own secret weapon on people who monopolize party phone lines. When a couple of housewives are firmly entrenched on a line, she simply shouts into the mouthpiece, "Oh, something's burning," and hangs up. Nine times out of ten, she claims, both parties think the other has gone, so they hang up and leave the circuit free.

EVERYWHERE

I FOUND Him in the whispering pines,
And in the beauty of a rose;
I found Him where the first star shines,
Above the summer day's soft close;
I found Him where the storms grow wild;

I found Him in the happy face
And manner of a child,
Revealing loveliness and grace.
I found Him in the swinging suns
That wheel their way through endless space,

And in the humblest path that runs
To love's sequestered dwelling place;
I found Him where the violets dwell
I found Him where the blue birds wheel and dart;

But never really knew Him well
Until I found Him in my heart.

Author Not Known

TRIUMPH

By Leroy A. Winters

"I have fought a good fight, . . .
I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me:
A crown of righteousness, . . .
At that day."

What an autobiography!

A farmer was feeling sorry for his dog when a friend asked what was the matter. The farmer answered that—someone had cut off his dog's tail. "Oh, too bad," said his friend. "That will spoil his carriage."

"I don't know about his carriage," replied the farmer, "but it sure has stopped his waggin'."

Correct Address

"Here, boy," said the man to the sleepy-looking lad who was lounging at the entrance to an apartment building. "Where does Mr. Smith live?"

"I'll show you, sir," said the boy. And he started to climb the stairs. Up six flights he went with the visitor following breathlessly.

Finally he paused before a door. "This is where Mr. Smith lives," said.

"He doesn't seem to be at home," remarked the visitor, when no one answered his knock.

"No, sir," replied the boy. "He was standing on the doorstep when I came in."—Christian Observer

Canvasser: "If you can spare five minutes, sir, I can show you how to earn twice the money you are getting."

Sad Man: "I do that now."

CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

(Continued from page 4)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

The number of languages and dialects into which at least one book of the Bible has been translated passed the 1,100-mark during 1956, it was reported at the 141st annual meeting of the American Bible Society held on May 9th.

The addition of 17 languages during last year has brought the total to 1,109, it was reported.

The entire Bible has now been published in 210 languages and dialects; a complete Testament in an additional 270, and at least a Gospel or other whole book in an additional 329.

There are about 80 other languages in which short passages or collections of passages have been published but, since they lack a complete book, they are not customarily counted in the total.

Three complete Bibles were published for the first time last year in Bemba (spoken in North Rhodesia); Nimbi Ijo (Nigeria), and Iarovo (Solomon Islands).

WASHINGTON OBSERVER

(From page 5)

... for the new status decreed for ... The unpleasant fact dare not ... be disregarded that happy ... terracial relationships are not cre- ... ed by commandment, neither do ... en of different races, culture and ... cial habits dwell together in peace ... st because they are told they ... ust. At this time kindly construc- ... ve measures of a far-reaching kind ... e due and overdue. Better hous- ... g, better schools, better jobs, bet- ... r pay, better churches—all these ... ld more must be provided for the ... lored if anything like a real so- ... tion to the present problem is to ... had.

The Church presumably believes ... integration. Does the Church be- ... ve in it strongly enough to take ... e next step, that of setting up a ... ong, far-reaching program of up- ... t, education and social betterment ... the colored man who, because ... neglect and lack of privilege, in ... many instances is not ready for

the integration that is now legally required? If so, now is the time to stop debate and the giving of pious advice and to go to work.

BOOK REVIEW

All books reviewed may be ordered from Lutheran Publishing House, 200 South Fifth Street, Blair, Nebraska.

George Arliss took the part of "The Man Who Played God" in the movie of that name, made from a famous story. He was a great musician who lost his hearing and therefore his work and his fame. He became the virtual prisoner of his apartment in the city, near a park. To pass the time, he watched the people on the park benches, from his window. These little people, far down below began to fascinate him. In order that he might enter into their lives and know their secrets, he learned to read their lips through a telescope. And then he mingled with them, helped and befriended them.

It is not a perfect parable, of course, for God does not scheme and plan as this man did. But He does read our hearts and enter into our lives and there, inside of us as it were, He guides and helps and befriends.

Religion is about the God who is not "out there" but "down here," not "up there" but "in here." It is about the validity of the longings and hopes and dreams which haunt us, the still small voice that speaks to us. "... in Him we live, and move, and have our being ..."

Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., in
What's It All About?
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

For the past ten years I have tried to keep a mental list of the excuses that have been offered to me for not going to church. During the last nine years, I don't think I have heard a new one ... only repetitions of those I heard the first year, with some novel variations. You wouldn't believe some of the excuses that have been given by people with perfectly straight faces! Perhaps they think that preachers, when they enter the ministry, take a vow to believe everything they hear.

A pastor in Daytona Beach, Florida, had a good idea. In a recent bulletin he ran a check list; across the top are the words, "I cannot attend church services because:" And then ... "Please check." Following are some reasons that a person can check: "Too busy. Must go to the movies. Pleasure trip. Company. Have to go fishing. Disinterestedness. Radio and TV program. Need to rest." And then there

is this instruction across the bottom: "Please tear off and mail to God."

Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., in
What's It All About?
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

A modern parable is told about a man who dreamed that he attended a convention of the devil's advocates in which a discussion was in progress concerning the best means by which they could destroy the Christian faith. Someone suggested that they spread the idea that the Bible is a fable; another proposed that they say everywhere that Jesus was nothing more than a man; still another suggested that they whisper widely that there is no God, no Saviour, and no Heaven. Some in the company expressed approval of each of the plans as it was proposed. The oldest of the devil's advocates waited until the others were finished before he rose to address the assembly. "Let us go far and wide across the earth," he said, "and let us tell men that there is a God. We will agree that there is a Saviour, and that there is a Heaven. But let us tell every man on earth that there is no need to accept and follow Christ now. Let us assure them that tomorrow will be soon enough." Cheers greeted the sug-

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(C) Japan, (D) Santal, (E) Sudan, (F) Jewish, (G) China.

	Fiscal Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year
	TOTAL Synodical*	Extra-Synodical**	World Lutherans***
Previously acknowledged (May 25, 1957)	40966.18	1865.43	29039.10
Blair, Nebr., Women's Miss. Synodical Treas.: Life Membership from St. Ansgar's Church, Mary and Martha Society, Toronto, Ont., for Mrs. Elsie Bondo Larsen	6.75	(B)	6.75
Castro Valley, Calif., Faith Luth. Church S. S., 1/2 for Indian Mission Children's Home and 1/2 for Elim Elk Horn Children's Home	160.55	160.55	
Selma, Calif., Pella Luth. S. S., South America Mission	36.39	(B)	36.39
Sudan for support of girl student	40.00	(E)	40.00
Oregon, Wis., St. John's Luth. S. S. for Special Project	17.45	(C)	17.45
Norma, N. D.—Zion Luth. Church	37.58		37.58
Jacksonville, Ia., (Bethlehem Church, Jacksonville S. S.) for Children's Home	17.87	17.87	70.00
Hampton, Nebr., Immanuel Luth. Church	70.25		70.00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Salem Ev. Luth. Church S. S. for children's work in Japan Mission	50.00	(C)	50.00
Sidney, Mont., Brorson Church from J. O. Rasmussen	300.00	(A)	100.00
Westby, Mont., from parents Mr. and Mrs. Peder Norgaard in memory of Irene Norgaard, Em maus Luth. Church	30.00	30.00	
Washington Island, Wis., Trin. Luth. S. S.	16.00	(D)	16.00
Ruskin, Nebr., Bethany S. S. for Home Mission	60.75	60.75	
Curtis, Nebr., Ebenezer Luth. Church	35.00		35.00
Brush, Colo., Eben-Ezer Church, Mrs. Albert Westergaard in memory of Mrs. Christine John- son, Brush, Colo., for Home Mission	5.00	5.00	
Oregon, Wis., St. John's Luth. Church—School Fund	160.20	160.20	
Cedar Falls, Ia., Nazareth Ev. Luth. Church from S. S. Gathering at East for Children's Homes	93.05	93.05	
Salt Lake City, Utah, Tabor Luth. Church, Gen. Fund	100.00	100.00	
St. Croix Falls, Wis., from Mr. and Mrs. Eric Espellend and Mr. and Mrs. John Norquist in memory of Mrs. W. H. Petersen	2.00	(A)	2.00
Spencer, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church Ladies Aid in memory of Mr. Garth Sorensen for Home Mission	5.00	5.00	
Racine, Wis., Gethsemane Ev. Luth. Church from Oluf Andersen for Indian Mission in mem- ory of my Beloved Wife Dagmer Andersen	22.50	22.50	
Oaks, Okla., from Mrs. Helen S. Romer for Pension Fund	80.00	80.00	
Petaluma, Calif., from Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Ness in memory of Mrs. Marie Spillum for Home Mission	3.00	3.00	
Cushing, Nebr., St. John's Luth. S. S. and Church	21.25		21.25
Toronto, Ont., Canada, St. Ansgar Luth. Church from S. S.	10.15	(E)	10.15
Toronto, Ont., Canada, St. Ansgar Luth. Church \$31.22 each*** for South America, Japan, San- tal, Sudan, Jewish and \$31.25 for China Mission	187.35	***	187.35
Blair, Nebr., W.M.S. Synodical Treasurer: Westbrook, Me., Trin. I. A., Silver Anniv \$3; Reedley, Calif., Ebenezer L.A., Silver Anniv. \$7; Minn. Dist. WMS, Brookville L. A., Silver Anniv. \$3; Cushing, Wis., Loyal Work- ers, Silver Anniv. \$12; Hazelwood-Minn., Imm. L. A., Silver Anniv. \$1. Total \$26. ***1/2 to School Fund, 1/2 to Home Mission	26.00	26.00	
Salmonhurst, Can., St. Peter's from Willing Workers	11.88	(B)	11.88
Iowa-Dist. W.M.S. Silver Anniversary: Humboldt, Ia., Circuit No. 3, \$57.60; Royal, Ia., Bethlehem Luth. L. A., \$12; Beresford, S. Dak., Nazareth Ladies Aid \$2. 1/2 and 1/2 to School Fund and Home Mission	71.60	71.60	
Humboldt, Ia., Dorcas, for Home Mission in memory of Peter A. Sorensen	2.00	2.00	
Coulter, Ia., Nazareth LA for Japan in memory of Henry Brown	5.00	(C)	5.00
West Branch, Ia., Women of the Church for Home Mission in memory of Chris E. Chris- tensen	5.00	5.00	
Graettinger, Ia. (So. Walnut Women of the Church) **So. Am. and Japan \$15 each Santal and Sudan \$10 each	50.00	***	50.00
Chicago, Ill., from Golgotha WMS for Evangelist Barka Murmu for Santal	28.00	(D)	28.00
Chicago, Ill., Golgotha WMS for Evang. Tadashi Harl	50.00	(C)	50.00
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Women of the Church Silver Ann. additional offering for Home Mission and School Fund	24.00	24.00	
Milwaukee, Wis., Kingo Luth. WMS additional offering for School Fund and Home Mission	5.50	5.50	
Racine, Wis., Gethsemane Luth. WMS for Native Work	150.00	(E)	150.00
Denmark, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church, King's Daughters, in memory of Mrs. Sophie Broberg	5.00	5.00	
Waupaca, Wis., Trin. Luth. Bethel Ladies Aid for Rev. Arnfeld Morck's translation work.	21.00	(B)	21.00
Racine, Wis., Emmaus Luth. WMS in memory of Mr. Martin Christensen for Home Mission	10.00	10.00	
Oshkosh, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Tabitha Soc.	20.00	(B)	20.00
Racine, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. WMS, Gen. Fund	90.00	90.00	
Wis. Dist. W.M.S., Helen M. Jacobsen Salary for June	70.00	(E)	70.00
Wis. Dist. WMS from Southern Circuit (BDCE)***	40.00	***	40.00
Wis. Dist. WMS for Home Mission	10.00	10.00	
Fresno, Calif., Daughters of Bethel Silv. Ann. Offering, 1/2 to each School Fund and Home Missions	30.00	30.00	
Geneva, Comm. Geneva Comm. Luth. Church, Pension, Children's Homes and School Fund \$10 each	80.00	30.00	(A)
From the Church 144.60 and S. S. \$64.70	209.30		10
Racine, Racine, Wis., Our Savior's Ev. Luth. Church from S.S.	44.00	(B)	44.00
Racine, Wis., from members in memory of Ted Simonsen	17.00	(D)	17.00
Luverne, N. Dak., Luverne Luth. Church	70.20		70.20
Glidden, Ia., from the Harold Christensens, and Leonard Jensens, Scranton, Ia., for Native Evangelist for June	10.00	(D)	10.00
Westby, Mont., Daneville Luth. Church from relatives and friends in memory of Reuben John- son for Home Mission	113.00	113.00	
Westby, Mont., Daneville Luth. Church, in memory of Reuben Johnson	5.00	5.00	
Milltown, Wis., Luth. Church for Gen. Fund	200.00	200.00	
Albert Lea, Minn., Trin. Luth. for Home Mission in memory of H. A. Hanson; from American Sudan Circle \$50, and from Circle No. 5 for Sem. Stud. in Africa \$50 and from Esther Cir- cle	145.00	5.00	(E)
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church from relatives and friends in memory of Rueben E. Johnson for Home Missions	36.00	36.00	(F)
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church from Mr. and Mrs. Thos. P. Nelson, Culbertson, Mont.	5.00		
Whittier, Calif., St. Andrew Luth. Church, Gen. Fund	148.63	148.63	
Kansas City, Kan., Westwood Luth. S. S.	43.64		43.64
Hutchinson, Minn., Main St. Luth. Church Contri.	1030.75		1030.75
Hutchinson, Minn., S. S. Easter Off. Banks (Quota paid in full)	165.62		165.62
Hutchinson, Minn., for General Fund	600.00	600.00	
Denver, Colo., St. Mark's Luth. Church, Gen. Fund	95.29	66.00	
TOTAL	46277.68	4286.08	30202.07

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebr., May 31, 1957.

P. V. Hansen, Treasur

NEWS AND NOTES

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**CHEROKEE INDIAN MISSION
OAKS, OKLAHOMA.**

Commencement exercises were conducted May 8th in the Oaks Mission High School for some twenty graduates. Dr. Adolph Vammen of Tulsa, Oklahoma, son of Pastor and Mrs. Vammen, and a former Oaks graduate, gave the commencement address, the first time that a graduate had returned to do this. Two of the graduates, Roma Vann and Kathleen Washington, are members of our Oaks church. Both have had their home in the Mission Home for some time.

The Baccalaureate Service was conducted in the church Sunday night, May 5th. The Rev. Vernon Jacobs, pastor of First Lutheran Church of Tulsa, preached the sermon. He also rendered a most fitting vocal selection as a part of this service.

Since the Oaks schools are out the last part of May, the Vacation Bible School has already been conducted. There were 87 pupils enrolled. Some were brought by car from the Dave Russell community, where we now have a chapel and in which there is weekly service on a week-day night during the summer months. During the winter months the services together with a Sunday school hour were Sunday afternoon.

Most of the children have left the Mission Home for the summer months to live with parents or other relatives as the case may be. Five of the older students found work on farms in the Kin-Hardy, Nebraska, community.

Chris Gregersen of the Ruskin Church has been most helpful in finding farm work for our mission boys year to year. Two of our girls in the church are this summer working at the Lake Okoboji Bible Camp of the Iowa District.

On the last Saturday night of April of our young people, Jean Dixon and Gary Lovett, were married in our church. Jean is the daughter of Velma Dixon, secretary of our congregation and owner of the local grocery store, and Gary has had his home in the Mission Home since he was a small boy. Our mission wishes God's blessings.

At Greenville, Wis. June 9th St. John's Church will be dedicated in the afternoon at 2:30. It burned down because it was struck by lightning last winter. A beautiful church with a seating capacity of 130 has been built. Rev. N. B. Hansen is pastor of the church.

Dickson, Alberta, Canada. Five of the young people of this church were graduated from Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute on May 12. Two young men of the congregation are finishing their second year at the university.

\$62,622.13 more than last year. Even though we were a little short in meeting our synodical budget, it should be pointed out that we received \$62,622.13 more for 1956-57 than we did for 1955-56. We feel this should be mentioned, since we had a note May 27th that we almost made our budget this year.

Pastors and Officials, whose names and addresses appear in the register of our Year Book and Pastor's Appointment Book, are kindly asked to notify the office of Lutheran Publishing House or Rev. P. C. Jensen, Blair, Nebraska of any late changes in the setup not yet recorded or reported. This also pertains to board members and district officials,—and phone numbers.

P. C. J.

BOOK REVIEWS

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gestion, for the devil's advocates realized that one of their number had found a way by which they could bring death to the soul.

From G. Ernest Thomas, in
Spiritual Life in the New Testament
(Fleming H. Revell Co.).

Wallace Nutting tells in his autobiography about a certain man who was famed as a collector of Bibles. The man's interest was not in the truth which could be found in the sacred books. He was concerned merely with their monetary value when they were placed on the market. He would go home with profanity pouring from his lips after he had bought a rare copy of the Bible. He never opened a single volume to read what was written on its pages. Nutting says that even though the man once paid \$100,000 for a single Bible, "he didn't get enough for his money."

From G. Ernest Thomas, in
Spiritual Life in the New Testament
(Fleming H. Revell Co.).

The lagging enthusiasm for public worship by many persons in this generation may be explained by the fact that they have often left church services without feeling that they have been in the presence of God, and without finding an answer to their personal needs. Norman Cousins says of the church that "it has become one of the values we fight for instead of a force in itself. It is not regarded as the working source of wisdom and strength, but as a factor, a respected possession, a shelter for conscience."

We may well ask whose responsibility it is if the church has become a value for which man fights, rather than a force to help him in every hour of need. Part of the blame must certainly be borne by the institution when it has failed to show men the wisdom of holding fast to faith. But not entirely! The burden must fall as well on that great company of professing Christians who have regarded the church lightly, and who have sought numerous excuses to explain why it is not essential for them to attend.

G. Ernest Thomas in **Spiritual Life in the New Testament**
(Fleming H. Revell Co.).

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God because He talked like incarnate deity; He thought like it, He planned like it, He died like it, rising from the dead in glorious vindication of it. I believe in Christ because He evidences the divinity of His person today by bringing new life to those who receive Him. What do we think of this man Jesus? Well, if you doubt what He says about Himself, ask Him to verify it in your own experience, surrendering to the truth He has to say about you.

Robert Boyd Munger in
What Jesus Says
(Fleming H. Revell Co.).

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